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Transferred Power

ONE DARK AND STORMY NIGHT, a lighthouse keeper picked up a small candle, lighted it and started climbing the long stairway which wound up to the top of the tower.

"Where are you taking me?" asked the little candle.

"To the light at the top of the tower," the man answered. "We must show the big ships how to find their way across the sea."

"BUT I CAN'T do that!" objected the little candle. "I'm too small! No ship could find its way by my little light."

"Don't worry about that," chuckled the lighthouse keeper. And when they reached the tower he gently tip little candle and with it lit the bi that hung there. The little can showed another how to light the

IN A GREAT hydro-electric p side the giant turbines, stood motor.

"Don't tell me that little mote these big machines!" a visitor ex

"Oh, no," replied a workm just gives them the power to get

Small efforts can produce bi when applied in the right way. do all things through Christ, W me the strength," said Paul.

—MARGARET AND

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Election ahead

There were not many clergymen who were campaigning for any candidate as the U.S. presidential election drew near. But churchmen everywhere were emphasizing that it is important for Christian citizens to cast their ballots on election day.

Congregations ought to hold special services on Monday, Nov. 3, to pray for guidance, proposed Bishop Henry Knox Sherill to Protestant Episcopal clergymen. "Surely, if there was ever a time when we should ask the guidance of God, it is now," he said. "The church takes no political position. But it is right and proper for the church to exercise the duties and responsibilities of citizenship as Christians . . ."

Failure to vote can be a sin, the Rev. Titus Cranny of Catholic University announced. A citizen who refrains from voting for a long time, without justifiable reason, is committing a grave sin, he said.

The National Council of Churches in a statement adopted last month said that "as Christians we believe that God cares what happens in politics, because politics affects His children everywhere. Therefore we believe that Christians have a responsibility to participate in the political process by voting and by seeking to apply Christian principles in their voting."

ALC wants Revised Standard

The Revised Standard translation of the Bible should be used in printing the Epistles and Gospels for the church year in the new all-Lutheran Service Book, said the American Lutheran Church at its convention this month. The ALC convention instructed its representatives on the commission preparing t to vote for use of the new tra

Similar action was taken at th Lutheran Church convention in At the ALC session the action Revised Standard Version result a motion made by a delegate church's executive committee mended that the RSV might "where the local situation indicat occasional alternative in liturgi

ALC approves three-church m

There was no discussion and tive votes when the American Church faced the question of with the Evangelical Lutheran and United Evangelical Lut Church.

The ELC and UELC have agreed to proceed with drawi plan for merger. The Augustana decided to drop out of the neg The Lutheran Free Church part in the merger conversations committing itself. The United Church has not been invited to proposed merger.

Ten per cent are praying

New York officials suggested that prayers might be said at th ning of each day in the state schools. The Board of Regents some such prayer as this: " God, we acknowledge our de upon Thee, and we beg Thy upon us, our parents, our teach our country."

Last week the state departmen cation had checked up on the of schools heeding the suggestio 300 of the state's 3,000 school have complied with the recomm

ONE WAS MISSING

4 delegates elected to attend ULC convention this month, 623 were present

LE CONVENTION REPORT

ing for 1954

: had been no radical tinkering
e United Lutheran Church ma-
since it came into existence in
A few boards and committees have
There has been a slow drift to-
ntralizing the church administra-
New York and Philadelphia of-
But most of the church's work
anaged according to the pattern
34 years ago at the first con-

iew of the continual growth of
CA and of its expanding pro-
the time for some changes may
me, it was agreed at the Seattle convention this month. Delegates authorized the church's Executive Board to appoint a commission of 16—eight clergymen and eight laymen—"to survey and study the structural organization of the ULCA."

Recommendations of this commission will be heard at the 1954 convention. Executive boards of the synods are invited to send the commission "suggestions and recommendations regarding the organization of the ULCA."

Six million dollar budget

Not one delegate voted against the budget proposed for the United Lutheran Church in 1954 and '55—which asks for 63 cents a year increase in the contribu-

tion of each active member of 4,200 congregations. Total requested for the ULC boards and agencies in 1954 was set at $6,007,590.

Most of the increase is for the Board of American Missions which is aiming at establishment of 50 new congregations a year. The mission total moves up from $1,469,100 in the 1952 budget to $2,206,500 in 1954. Increase in the Pension Board budget from $479,280 to $640,000 is intended to provide a minimum pension of $900 a year for retired or disabled pastors.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH BUDGET

	1952	1954
Foreign Missions	$1,185,600	$1,222,500
American Missions	1,469,100	2,206,500
Social Missions	98,670	124,100
Deaconess Work	104,580	104,500
Pensions	479,280	640,000
Education	198,000	246,900
Parish Education	98,100	154,400
Administration	103,800	124,900
Committees and Misc. appropriations	140,400	25,700 242,400
Biennial convention	25,000	35,000
THE LUTHERAN		65,000
National Lutheran Council	267,000	270,000
	$4,169,530	$5,461,900
Other urgent demands	1,033,770	545,690
	$5,203,300	$6,007,590

Since ULC conventions are held every other year, budgets for each year in a two-year period are almost exactly alike. The 1952 total is nearly the same as the '53 ($5,232,400) and the '55 total ($6,013,090) varies little from the '54.

Budget explained

Like a college professor lecturing to the senior class, a quiet, even-tempered expert gave the Seattle convention a detailed explanation of the ULC budget.

Dr. Otto K. Jensen, whose us
is supervising the budget of the
Indiana, gives the United L
Church the same sort of consc
service he gives the citizens of h
As chairman of the ULC E
Board's finance committee, he kn
financial situation and problems
of the church's boards and agen

Details of the Jensen-explained
are: FOREIGN MISSIONS BOARD,
1954 as in 1953 . . . AMERICAN M
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church extension loan fund . . .
MISSIONS, increased to allow f
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salaries.

BOARD OF PENSIONS, increased
minimum pension . . . BOARD OF
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Board appropriation), larger gra
colleges and seminaries—includi
Pacific Seminary . . . BOARD OF
EDUCATION, increased to meet
formerly covered by balance i
treasury.

ADMINISTRATION (Executive
pays salaries and office expense
individuals, including ULC offic
APPROPRIATIONS, increase provi
new Department of Church Archi
lifts from $15,000 to $75,000 t
for radio and TV . . . THE LU
(Board of Publication), gets
from church budget for the first
keep subscription price at minim
though production costs have

Wants budget higher

Only one delegate said he was
isfied with the budget propo
Seattle. Pastor Charles A. Hac
of Holy Trinity Church, Toledo,
it should go up to $8,300,000.

WORLD-WIDE MISSION

orm were 16 missionaries and overseas Christians as Board of Foreign Mis-orted. Board Secretary John L. Yost told of need for recruits for foreign fields

convention's most eloquent ad-
he said the church is inclined to
lacent and satisfied.

Hackenberg proposed a
00 increase, largely for more
ssions and a higher pension min-
The church is hampered by a
f fear" in setting its financial
said. He called for "world-wide
art-deep, and Christ-centered"

delegates thought the 16 per
get increase proposed for 1954
5 was as big a step as should be
Only twice in ULC history (in
d 1949) has the benevolence
een met in full, and in those
e amount asked was less than
total set for 1954.

onvention was aware that there
surance that the $5,203,300 re-
n 1952 will be given in full. Up
20 the ULC treasurer had re-
2,397,197.

To garb or not to garb

If deaconesses begin wearing ordinary street clothes instead of their usual uniform, and start receiving a salary for their work instead of a lifetime maintenance allowance from their motherhouse treasury, what will distinguish them from any other career women? Some delegates at Seattle asked such questions as the Board of Deaconess Work proposed a bold experiment.

The experiment is to permit each deaconess to decide for herself (1) whether or not to wear the garb and (2) to receive salary or continue in the motherhouse maintenance-allowance plan. It is a "change in a century-old pattern," said Sister Mildred Winter, Deaconess Board executive secretary.

It took the Seattle convention 56 minutes to agree to the experiment. First maneuver of opponents of the plan was to try to recommit it to the board for further study. This was defeated by a

strong majority. Second attempt was to approve the plan "in principle" but not to sanction three pages of detail which appeared in the convention bulletin. This was also defeated. After a motion to close the debate was carried, the plan was approved as the Board of Deaconess Work presented it.

Eight per cent for pensions

Delegates gave up their Saturday night holiday for a special business session to discuss a change in the pastors' pension plan. After nearly three hours of asking questions that nobody could answer, they adjourned without settling anything.

In a back-stage conference on Sunday afternoon the Pension Board's actuarial consultant, Mr. George Huggins, found the answers and subjected them to rigorous testing by five judges and attorneys who were convention delegates. Their recommendations were brought to the convention Monday morning by Judge Gustav Wieboldt of New York and were adopted unanimously.

The pension proposal was to double the amount paid by congregations half of their pastors enrolled in t tributory plan. A congregation nc to the Pension Board a sum equ per cent of its pastor's salary. The also makes a 4 per cent payme Seattle it was proposed that the gation's payment be increased tc cent. This would be necessary tc adequate pensions, it was stated.

Debate about details

There was no serious desire am delegates to block the increase in t sion payment to 8 per cent. Bu was doubt about whether all cc tions would be willing to pay thi amount.

One proposal was to increase t ment 1 per cent a year during fou Another was to raise it 2 per cen for two years. It was finally agr the 4 per cent increase will cc Jan. 1, 1954.

What will happen, it was ask pastor's membership in the Fam tection Plan if his congregatio

WILLING TO WORK OVERTIME
Delegates were serious

8 per cent? Only those whose payments are up to date at the he year are eligible for this pro- n the following year.

decision was that "for the pur- determining whether the accounts ıember under the Contributory Plan are currently paid in full to of each year, the rates of con- ı considered to be required shall in effect at the date the member l or acquires membership in the Protection Plan."

ıer question was on eligibility for ɔlemental Pension Plan (for pas- w over 55 years of age). To for this, a pastor's pension pay- ıust be up to date at the time of ement. The convention decided ɔr the purpose of determining all contributions required under tributory Pension Plan have been the date of retirement, the rates ibution considered to be required those in effect on Nov. 1, 1947." ɔns for lay employees of churches ɔut on an 8 per cent basis also.

Deplores "psychology"

President Franklin Clark Fry told the convention, following the pension discussion, that he deplored the psychology of delegates in trying to protect congregations in doing less than they should on behalf of their pastors.

The convention responded by urging "all lay leaders of our congregations especially, and also also pastors, to work actively to bring all congregations of the church up to paying the full contributory rates of 4 per cent pastor contributions and 8 per cent congregation contributions to the Contributory Pension Plan at the earliest possible time."

Congregations may begin paying the 8 per cent rate immediately, which will assure an increased retirement income for their pastors.

Answers came promptly

On half a dozen questions that delegates argued about at length in former conventions, there was no discussion this year.

Titles of United Lutheran Church of-

EVERY DELEGATE HAD A RIGHT TO SPEAK
Fortunately, not all did

ficers will not be changed, it was agreed. Some have proposed that presidents be called bishops.

The "Children of the Church" program will be merged into the weekday and vacation school activities promoted by the Board of Parish Education. (This is the new name of the Parish and Church School Board.)

Women (and men too) may be formally commissioned for full-time church service, but not by the United Lutheran Church unless they are employed by the ULC. Others may be commissioned by the synods, congregations, or agencies they serve. Standards for training of women workers, except deaconesses and missionaries, may be established by the Board of Education.

It wasn't necessary for the Board of Social Missions to get permission from the convention to restudy the church's 1930 statement on marriage and divorce, which the board may ask the 1954 convention to modify. President Fry ruled that the board already has power to study any such subject.

There was nothing to report on the old question of merging Lutheran denominations in America. A ULC commission, in existence since 1934, said that although the United Lutheran Church is ready "to negotiate and effect organic union at the earliest possible date with any or all of the separate Lutheran bodies of America . . . we have not yet been challenged to make good our professions in any conclusive way."

An Indian at convention

A Lutheran pastor was the first Protestant in America to preach to the Indians, 300 years ago when John Campanius worked among the Delawares in Pennsylvania and translated Luther's *Catechism* into their language. But not until 1952 was an American In delegate to a United Lutheran convention.

From the one Indian congrega the ULC, at the Rocky Boy rese in Montana, the Northwest Syn elected Mr. Malcolm Mitchell as gate to go to Seattle. He had sturdy churchman for a quarter-c Delegates took time-out for a fe utes at the opening of a convent sion to receive a greeting from th and only Indian.

Social security for pastors

A half-dozen denominations voted this year to ask the U.S. C for an amendment to the social laws to include pastors. Lay em to churches may enroll under the law, but not clergymen.

The American Lutheran Chu convention this month at Waverly debated the social security quest two hours, and rejected the prop ask the U.S. Congress to inclu tors. Four Lutheran denominat America have endorsed social for pastors.

The subject didn't come bef Seattle convention for a head-on A statement of the ULC Executiv against including clergymen in security was received as infor without expression of opinion fr delegates.

From the recommendations of mission which reported on its th study of the doctrine of the the convention knocked out on "Inasmuch as at the present tin isters of the gospel have volunta cluded themselves from Social S a minister practically affirms tha in secular work when he enroll Social Security." It was argued t

it did not belong in the report
it did not deal with a funda-
principle regarding the ministry.
convention agreed to request
e church's Board of Social Mis-
study of the social-security-for-
question. Report of this study
doubt be given in 1954.

next

he first time a United Lutheran
convention is scheduled for
Toronto in 1954. There was
upport by delegates at Seattle for
posal which came from a special
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e of us have been very eager to
convention in Canada because
onstrates we are a two-nation
' commented President Franklin
ry. About 300 of the 4,200 ULC
ations are in seven Canadian
es.

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een three-hour business sessions
enough for the work to be done
le, but delegates were cheerful
vorking overtime. The schedule
Saturday night open for relaxa-
it delegates voted for a three-
ession that evening. They ex-
some sessions from 15 minutes to
r beyond the usual time of ad-
nt.

m did the convention adopt any
without amending it, and some-
ere were two or three amend-
o the amendments. Such maneu-
took time, but delegates were
to pay for it by staying overtime
han prevent anyone from intro-
any motion he considered desir-

otion to "table" was ever adopted
e intention of preventing a vote

CONVENTION CHAPLAIN
Rev. Harold Albert

on a question before the convention. Calls for "the previous question," shutting off debate, were used only after a discussion had proceeded long enough to get all major points of view before the delegates.

Convention publicity

Radio and TV stations in Seattle were generous with time for the Lutheran convention, especially with 15-minute spots for interviews. Missionaries, visitors from overseas, and people with special knowledge of church affairs were presented on 25 radio and three television programs. Seventy-six people went on the air to tell about the church's work.

A CBS network broadcast, "Columbia Church of the Air," brought to all parts of the U.S. and Canada a sermon by the convention chaplain, the Rev. Harold Albert, and the choir of Pacific Lutheran College. A West Coast network carried a "Convention Round-up" reviewing

what happened at Seattle. The Rev. Roscoe Fisher guided the radio-TV program.

Seattle newspapers gave the convention exceptionally good treatment, with several front-page stories and columns of inside-page news. No eastern papers sent correspondents to Seattle, as they usually do when the convention is nearer home. Press associations carried less convention news to eastern papers than usual because of the distance. The Rev. Carl Koppenhaver was the convention's news executive.

Asterisks win elections

At no United Lutheran convention in at least a dozen years had delegates been so obliging as those at Seattle in electing to the church's boards the persons the boards said they wanted.

There were two stars after the names of about half of the individuals listed as nominees in the "Book of Ballots." These asterisks meant the boards themselves proposed these persons for election. More than half of the board nominees were up for re-election after serving one six-year term. (The church by-laws specify a two-term limit.)

The right to put the double-stars on the ballot was restored to the boards by the 1950 convention. The 1946 convention had voted to omit the stars.

Of 56 persons elected to the nine boards of the church, 51 were those whose names were marked with the double-star. All five who won without stars received places for which there were no board nominations. Four persons who had stars were defeated. In each case the boards had proposed more nominees than the number of places to be filled. Of 29,892 votes cast for all nominees for the board on the first ballot, two-starred delegates got 18,677.

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Henry H. Bagger, Philadelphia
Frederick R. Knubel, New Yorl
L. Ralph Tabor, Washington
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Virgil B. Sease, Wilmington, De
Robbin B. Wolf, Pittsburgh

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W. A. Mehlenbacher, Hamilton
Viggo Swenson, Harrisburg, Pa.
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Mrs. Orville Sardeson, New Yor

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Mrs. G. Elson Ruff, Philadelphi
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Lawrence F. Speckman, Louisvi

BOARD OF DEACONESS WORK
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John L. Deaton, Baltimore
John F. Futchs, Denver
Mrs. Edmund Funck, Philadelp
Pearle M. Lyerly, Washington

BOARD OF PENSIONS
L. H. Steinhoff, Portland, Ore.

HARDWORKING COMMITTEE AT THE CONVENTION
Election tellers rest between chores of counting ballots

. Bowman, Wooster, Ohio
n K. S. Hershey, York, Pa.

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S. Frederick Telleen, New York
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Emil E. Fischer, Philadelphia
Harold R. Albert, Columbus, Ohio
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SEATTLE—
Briefly Speaking

By DICK SUTCLIFFE

An informal account of some highlights and sidelights

THE LINE OF DELEGATES was long in front of the registration desk at the Olympic Hotel opening day. It took fully an hour for the end to move to the front. In the process, delegates passed the time greeting friends arriving by plane, bus and train.

Ohio Delegate Clarence Stoughton (Wittenberg College president from Springfield) got confused by all the New York and New Jersey delegates' greetings, found himself signing the registry card: "Dr. Clarence Stoughton, Wagner College, Staten Island." (He was president there 1940-45.)

Four New Jersey delegates arriving at Seattle's airport via one-stop-Minneapolis plane, discovered all of their baggage was still in the Minnesota city! They considered themselves "dirty delegates from the East" for 36 hours until the airlines recovered and delivered the baggage.

Dr. Karl Henry, associate secretary of the Board of American Missions, arrived in Seattle early to start construction of the BAM exhibit, found that one central figure of plastic, although shipped from the Philadelphia manufacturer on Sept. 22, had still not arrived on Oct. 7. Three solid hours of phone calls to trucking concerns all over the west gleaned the information that the plastic model was in Salt Lake City; was told

AUTHOR AND PUBLISHER
Mrs. Marjory Louise Bracher ("No Luxury") talks with Pub Board Secretary Dr. H. Torrey

"we'll send it over early Tuesday. convention closed Wednesday!)

Arrangers for Seattle's boat tr urday afternoon) had been months ago by ULCA Secretar artz "don't go too far overboard c ning for the tour. We've found d like to plan their own recreation afternoons!" Seattle's warm w and Chamber-of-Commerce-like ity, however, spelled the differenc first boat carrying 500 was "so within hours, so a second boat was arranged for.

SEATTLE'S MAYOR ALLEN P started his welcoming address delegates only to be interrupted b ident Fry who gently pulled him to the microphone as he advised: " Pomeroy, you are witnessing sor unusual . . . people *wanting* to politician speak!"

s introduction of Pastor Edward
JLCA architecture department
JLCA President Fry was re-
he told delegates, that his Ger-
ofessor at college had said to him
: "Mr. Fry, why don't you spell
me *Frey*—which means free. As
l it, it means to sizzle." In reply,
Frey told the convention, "My
l me not to expect any love letters
was out here for fear they might
ered to the wrong man!"

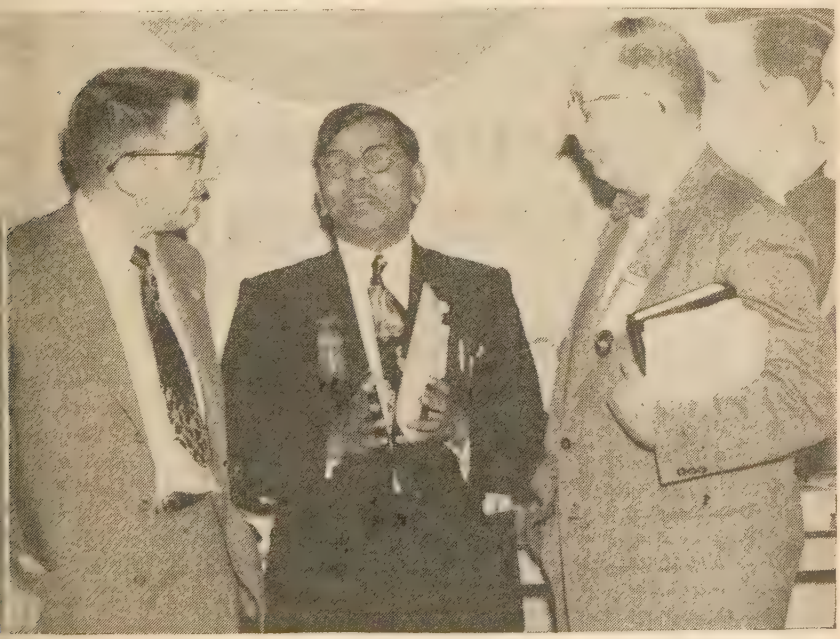
ıse the Olympic ballroom barely
official convention family, hotel
arranged for a loud speaker and
airs in the Palm Court just to the
the ballroom's back exit. The
: in the court immediately were
as "Siberia," while delegates
in the doorways between the
ı and the court were dubbed
n the nether regions, between
and Hell."

When Board of American Missions Secretary Richard Gerberding fluffed his speech by saying "loses its grammar" instead of "loses its glamour," the chair quipped: "In this case, it's the pastor who loses his grammar."

Delegates who arrived early found the hotel lobby filled with gorgeous flowers of many varieties. It wasn't all part of their welcome, however. West Coast florists had just finished their convention and the blooms remained.

SPEAKING OF GLAMOUR, the Board of Publication enjoyed lush surroundings for its extensive display of literature and church goods. The Olympic Bowl, normally the hotel's night club, with mirrored walls and ceilings and richly carpeted floors, was the ULCA "bookstore" during the convention.

Delegates arriving on the special trains were given a special edition of



THEIR COMMON INTEREST IS THE LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT
e Secretary Endress, T. John Ratnam of India and Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton

Seattle's morning *Post-Intelligencer,* with a front page devoted mostly to a picture of Dr. Fry and a glaring headline "Seattle Welcomes Hundreds of ULCA Delegates." Also on the front page was the account of the final World Series game and the Yanks' victory. Quipped Dr. Fry when he saw the paper, "Say, they give a lot of space to the Yankees out here, don't they?"

Pacific Synod representatives on the special trains handed out newspapers and apples with the compliments of their synods. Apples were scarce in Seattle, though they are supposed to be symbolic of Washington State. One fair delegate from Chicago went out searching for apples to send back home, found stores charging 20 cents a pound for them. "I can buy Washington apples cheaper in Chicago," she exclaimed.

PRE-CONVENTION BULLETIN readers got a laugh out of a misprinted decimal that read: ". . . the minimum pension payable shall be $900.00 a year (to pastors) with $450,000 a year to widows . ."

"We're so bloomin' busy," complained a Nebraska delegate to one from California, "that I haven't seen my wife for the past three days. By the time the convention adjourns, though, she will probably know every nook and cranny of Seattle's best department stores!" "Window shopping, you mean?" asked the West Coast delegate. "I wish that was all," sighed the Cornhusker; then, with a shrug of his broad shoulders, "but what can you do about it?"

Delegate Hans Treuenfels (N. Y.), wishing to oppose a matter on the floor went to a microphone, gained recognition, started: "I move to table the motion . . . I move to table the motion because . . ." Thereupon the Chair interrupted to advise that a motion to table is n batable, even by the mover. "T haven't made my motion," said th York delegate, launching into a minute speech of opposition, w up with "and for that reason, I m table the motion."

Dr. Carl Rasmussen preached th vention Sunday sermon in a Dani theran church, impressed some congregation by saying in Danis though my father and mother wer in Denmark, I will greet you in I but (then switching back into E speak to you in English." At this a slightly deaf churchman near th of the church stage-whispered enough for the group behind him "He'd better . . . his Danish is hot!"

ONE THING that impressed I delegates on the bus-water tour w lack of slum areas. "We don' slums," explained one driver-con "Our city planning commission it that new buildings are sc throughout the older sections of th so that the newer structures hel up the standards of a section that otherwise slip."

Everyone was impressed by eve about Seattle . . . even the seats Olympic ballroom. "These are th uncomfortable seats since Loui said a veteran of ten ULCA conve Most comfortable seating facili recent ULCA history: Cleveland's Hall—1946.

Newspaper clippings sent to from Philadelphia quoted the Pl phia *Inquirer* as reporting via Ass Press that Dr. G. Elson Ruff ha "re-elected editor of THE LUT social news magazine of the Unit theran Church in America."

rld News Notes

ccepts refugees

t 80,000 Arabs who have been o flee from Palestine will be pro- ith homes and livelihoods in Syria result of an accord reached be- ıe United Nations Palestine Arab Organization and the Syrian ıent. An estimated 800,000 Arab are in Palestine. Some of these aid from Lutheran World Relief. eviously arranged plan by which ptian government was to aid in g a large number of refugees in a around Mt. Sinai—the "no- ınd" between Egypt and Pales- ıs fallen through. Lack of water difficulty in providing irrigation were the chief causes of the ailure.

r is a major problem in finding for resettling refugees in Arab ince much is desert. A UN en- g survey is now being made in er Jordan valley, in hopes of es- ıg a site where 200,000 more e settled. U.S. Point Four funds ing for the survey.

n investment in the refugee proj- total $30 million. Land north nascus will be reclaimed, with provided from artesian wells or mountain reserves. Arab League have stipulated that the resettle- ust not interfere with the refugees' to their original homes in Pales- r limit claims to compensation. s still have hopes of returning old residence.

ra's costs mount

ica's great symphonic orchestras ching wider audiences than ever through records, radio and tele- but financial problems threaten their very existence, according to Floyd G. Blair, president of New York's Philharmonic-Symphony Society.

"Because of inflation and decreased buying power of the dollar orchestra costs have mounted," he said. "Salaries of musicians are sharply higher. Rents have increased, printing is higher, advertising has doubled in price."

A broad plan for eliminating the great deficits is needed, Mr. Blair said. Government subsidies might be needed in some cases. Private industry has helped some orchestras, particularly the Detroit Symphony which has been re-established on the basis of guaranteed annual contributions from corporations. New York's orchestra receives similar help because its Sunday afternoon broadcasts are sponsored by a motor manufacturer, he added.

Duke's status settled

The position of husbands of famous wives has always been difficult. That of England's Duke of Edinburgh, whose wife happens to be Queen Elizabeth II, is no exception. Americans can understand his situation by considering what might happen if the U.S. should ever elect a woman as president. Would her husband become the "First Gentleman" of the land? Or suppose that the church should ordain women as pastors. Would their husbands become the "Gentleman of the Parsonage" and be expected to be active in the Men's Club?

Queen Elizabeth graciously came to the rescue of her husband recently. A royal warrant decreed that he should "have, hold and enjoy Place, Preeminence and Precedence next to Her Majesty." This precedence makes the Duke the No. 1 man of Great Britain.

A NUMBER OF Lutheran pastors will vote by absentee ballot this week, if they take the advice of Dr. H. Conrad Hoyer. In a briefing meeting for speakers at post-Hannover conferences, Dr. Hoyer pointed out that the itinerary for many speakers will take them away from home over election day. He urged them to take the necessary steps to vote by mail.

More Americans may go to the polls at this election than ever before. This is as it should be. The inertia of the average American voter is common knowledge in Europe and weakens our claim to be a genuine democracy. If a national election at this stage in the world's history does not bring out a record number of voters, Americans should hang their heads in shame.

Christians should lead the procession to the polls. We set up standards by which government should be judged. We criticize officials who do not measure up to our ideals of public conduct. On election day, we are the ones who are on trial.

In a totalitarian state, there are conditions which an individual citizen is powerless to change. In a democracy, the people have the final say. The ancient assertion of the dictator, "I am the State," becomes the rightful claim of each citizen in a democracy. No church member has discharged his obligation as a Christian citizen until he has cast his ballot.

Congress too

There is real drama in the fact that this is the first wide-open election in 24 years, with neither candidate an incumbent president. The closeness of the race will focus the spotlight on Eisenhower and Stevenson. Choice of ident is what will bring people polls.

It is important to remembe ever, that the entire House of R tatives and one-third of the Sena for election. The president has ministrative powers, but Congres the laws. The president's propo economy in government, for out corruption, for a creative policy—things which have beer ised by both candidates—may b strung by a recalcitrant Congress.

Congress is important

There is a temptation to be le ful about whom we send to C than whom we elect as presic seems to the average citizen th representative or one senator d have much effect on national poi he weighs the candidate's quali less carefully, and does not take a trouble to learn about his back and his views on important issue

This can be a fatal mistake. tion of vital concern to the natio fare is often passed or defeated or two votes. On congressiona mittees, where major decisions ar a man's viewpoint and his capa mature judgment count even mor ily.

The direction our country take crucial years ahead will be dec large part by the men whom we cl represent us. The million-plus v the United Lutheran Church are stantial segment of the populatio of us is called by God to play a sible role in the shaping of our racy.

—ROBERT E. VAN D

E MAN WHO HELPED LUTHER

LTER G. TILMANNS

John Staupitz taught and befriended the troubled young monk, but fled into retirement when the Reformation movement grew

L THE MEN who befriended Mar-ıer during the long years of his soul-struggle in the monastery 517), John Staupitz, vicar-gen-he Augustinian Order, stands out important. Without the constant l encouragement which was given by the kindly vicar-general, Lu-ıld not have been able to continue ggle and would have succumbed onely Erfurt cell to the despair d-forsaken man.

Staupitz was the mentor who led ple out of the maze of medieval ion and hopelessness and im-im to study the Word of God by him to Wittenberg as professor al exegesis. When we read about fficult years of Luther's life we Staupitz constantly at his side, to plant the seeds which blos-forth a few years later in the ıtion movement. But strangely e seeds which he has sown begin to light, the "Godfather of the ıtion" disappears into the mists ymity.

ITZ WAS BORN near Meissen, of a noble family. The year of is not known; it must have been 470. His early years, too, are l in darkness. His first docu-appearance was at the University ngen, in 1497, where he received the Master of Arts degree and established himself as a lecturer in biblical exegesis. At the same time he was a member of the local Augustinian monastery and later its abbot. His age was then about 30. On June 10, 1499, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Theology, but must have left Tuebingen soon after.

His way now led to Munich and then to Wittenberg where he joined the original faculty of the newly established university (1502). By that time he was high in the councils of the Augustinian Order. In recognition of his outstanding position he was chosen to seek the official accreditation of his school at the papal court, a mission in which he succeeded.

ON ONE OF HIS MANY TRAVELS he met 23-year-old Martin Luther. Staupitz saw at once that this young unsettled man was different and took a deep interest in him. While the other monks for the most part turned their backs on Luther and shook their heads about the queer anxieties which beset the young friar, Staupitz tried to heal the fever which slowly undermined the health of Luther and to direct his efforts at salvation into different, more positive channels of thought. In 1508 he called him to Wittenberg to substitute for him as a teacher of the Bible, thus enabling him to study the wellspring of all hope and comfort.

In these years Staupitz was very often absent from his "cathedra" at the University of Wittenberg. As vicar-general of his order he was forced to travel con-

Mr. Tilmanns is a member of the f Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa.

stantly throughout Germany, to visit monasteries and to be in attendance at many meetings in Rome. Nevertheless he allowed Luther to return to Erfurt after the completion of his "intern" year. But even one year of drinking at the source of the living water had its effects. Luther slowly moved closer to an understanding of God's plan of salvation. A journey to Rome, on which he came into personal contact with the wickedness of the system, only accelerated the cleansing process in his soul.

When Staupitz called him back to Wittenberg, Luther at first demurred. He felt that he could not honestly swear the loyalty oath which was required of all theological professors. But Staupitz adamantly commanded him to obey. On Oct. 18, 1512, Luther was installed as Staupitz' successor in the chair of biblical exegesis and was made a Doctor of Theology.

DURING THE NEXT five years the two friends met on many occasions. Although Luther was becoming more and more independent of his erstwhile mentor he still continued to listen to him and to follow his suggestions. In recognition of his services Luther was made district vicar of all Saxon monasteries. In this capacity he attended all general conferences of his order.

The name of the frightened little monk of Erfurt was now known throughout the Augustinian Order of Germany. When on Oct. 31, 1517, Luther nailed the Ninety-five Theses to the Castle Church at Wittenberg his fellow-Augustinians were solidly behind him. Staupitz, one of the first to congratulate him, supported him at the Heidelberg convention of the Order in April 1518. He even sent the Theses with Luther's commentary on them to Pope Leo X in Rome.

From the Heidelberg conventio
pitz had gone to Salzburg w
friendly archbishop prevailed up
to invite Luther to travel to that
the purpose of mediating his quar
the Roman church. Fortunately
did not find time to accept this of
in the meantime the Roman spec
bassador, Cardinal Cajetanus, ha
to Germany and ordered Luther t
to Augsburg. Cajetanus, partisan
Dominicans and of Tetzel, had
to stop Luther once and for all.

Staupitz hurried to Augsburg
his friend, but when he came t
heard rumors that Cajetanus ha
orders to arrest both Luther an
After quickly absolving Luther f
vow of obedience to the Augustin
der, Staupitz fled and returned t
burg.

THE REST IS ANTI-CLIMAX. Th
few letters between the two dur
remaining years of Staupitz' li
warned Luther of the impending
by the fire-eating Ingolstadt the
John Eck. He pleaded with Lu
return to the bosom of the churc
when asked to recant what he ha
ten, he refused.

Nothing happened to him bec
was able to convince the ecclesia
thorities that he disassociated
from Luther. He even left the "
Augustinian Order and joined th
dictine community of Salzburg, a
appointed their abbot under the n
John VI. His last letter to Luthe
April 1, 1524, asked him to stop
ing the hearts and souls of men
help them find peace once more
Roman church; at the same time
Luther of his undying love for h
the precious Gospel which they
had rediscovered; a paradox of

LUTHER BEFORE THE DIET AT WORMS
From an old engraving

n plagued him to his dying day. He ted this life half a year later, on 28, 1524. A few decades later all ooks were put on the Index and ed publicly in the market place of urg.

HY DID STAUPITZ forsake the cause e Reformation? We can only venture iess. It certainly was not worldly ion. He could have become one of illars of the Reformation. Instead signed all his positions and even quit eloved Augustinian Order, and re- to a small, unknown Benedictine y in Austria, far away from his e life's activity.

as it fear? Some have said so. But when asked to recant, he refused, and only the intervention of a kindly archbishop saved him from death. Staupitz has given us the best answer to our question in a letter written some years before his death. "Brother Martin," he writes, "has embarked upon a dangerous venture and is carrying it to success with all boldness inspired by God; but I am a mere child who can drink only sweet milk."

The tremendous revolution brought about by Luther's daring venture horrified him. He would have no part in it. He was not sure of himself. And therefore John Staupitz decided to take a quiet and shameful exit from the stage of history.

THE NEW TESTAMENT brings light to the old, as the day to the night.
—MARTIN LUTHER

Specialist in Politics

By HAZEL O'HARA

Dr. Roy Peel, Lutheran layman who heads U.S. Census, w biggest statistical agency, is noted as political sci

I HAD AN APPOINTMENT with Roy Victor Peel, director of the Bureau of the Census. Because statistics have always been painfully unco-operative with my head, I went out to the "Census" with some misgivings.

The bureau moved to the country just outside of Washington a few years ago. The congested capital was too crowded to take care of this agency of 4,400 employees and 440 clacking IBM machines.

Shortly after my bus turned from the last city streets into the gracious Maryland countryside, I spied in a flat cleared area what was unmistakably the Census —big, buff-colored squarish buildings riddled with windows, which gave the place a watchful air suitable to the agency that does the mammoth counting jobs necessary in our diversified country. The hot August sun bounced like incandescent ping-pong balls from the tops of hundreds of cars waiting patiently to take all the people home after work.

As I stood looking around for a moment before going in, I heard a bob-white, and he sounded wayward in these highly organized surroundings.

The director of this largest statistical agency in the world turned out to be thoroughly human. Dr. Peel is a big, unhurried Iowan with a rosy face. His gray suit, blue shirt and dark blue tie made cool harmony for the eyes.

MY VISIT TO THE MAN who holds the world's biggest "nose counting" job was partly to inquire about the census of religious bodies and partly because he is a leading Lutheran layman o Washington area. He and his attend Augustana Lutheran Chur Washington. His daughter, S. Frances, was married there last : He has one other child, Peter Rol student at Western High School.

DR. ROY PEEL
Chief census taker

Dr. Peel had just returned Europe, he told me. He was sent by the government as a delegate International Labor Conference in eva. When the labor meetings over, he went as a private obser Germany, Austria, Italy, France,

Norway and Sweden, to see at
and how their governments are
along. Dr. Peel is a college pro-
who specializes in the current and
history known as political science.
an authority on politics, govern-
and public administration. He has
esearch on the behavior of democ-
and dictatorships and all forms of
ment between the two. He says
e might be called a Jeffersonian
rat, but is actually more a follower
odrow Wilson whom he considers
ater political philosopher than
on.

Peel, born July 26, 1896, at Des
s, Iowa, went to Augustana Col-
Rock Island, Illinois. After teach-
colleges in Texas and Minnesota,
New York University, he returned
is Ph.D. in political science from
iversity of Chicago in 1927.

RETURNED to New York Univer-
ere he remained for some years
essor of government and public
stration. In 1934 he was sent by
stitute of Public Administration
wo-year stretch of field research
Scandinavian countries. In 1939,
nsferred to Indiana University,
ngton, as professor of government
ector of its Institute of Politics.
g these years of study and teach-
became an expert on the struc-
American parties, political theory,
blems in politics.
ught and held seminars in these
and in aspects of government
tration, such as budgeting and
el management. Many of his
students are now in responsible
s in government and industry.
e many men who found an aca-
career in political science, Dr.
nt into the sawdust ring itself.

He was chairman of the Fusion Party in New York City in 1934. He made a first-hand study of political clubs in that city, with the help of a grant from the Social Science Research Council, and his *Political Clubs of New York City* (1935) is a scientist's job, written with cool observation of "petty conceits and ambitions and irrational dislikes" and maneuverings of the boss politicians.

Dr. Peel served the government as a civilian between 1942 and 1946. In 1945 he was chief of the U.S. Information Service at Copenhagen, Denmark. After the war he returned to his classes and seminars at Indiana University, but in March 1950 the government pulled him away and made him director of the Bureau of the Census. "It wasn't such a terrific jump," he says, "for modern political science leans more heavily on sociological and economic data than on political theories."

HE SHOWED ME on a side table in his office the first machine made for punching the cards used in analyzing statistical data. Behind that machine stretched a long history of census-taking. Five thousand years ago nations were counting populations. Babylonia, China, Egypt, Persia, Israel all took stock of their people to determine military strength and to get a base for the levying of taxes. Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem because Herod had ordered a census and Joseph and Mary had to return there to register. So behind that supreme story of the Nativity was the call for a census of population.

The United States has the oldest record of a census continued at stated intervals. The Constitution provided that a census should be taken every 10 years so that representatives could be apportioned according to the number of inhabitants in

each state. The first census was taken in 1790, a fairly simple one.

The bureau does not rest between the big ten-year population censuses, for it conducts other types in other years and also carries out a variety of annual, quarterly and monthly surveys. The Census of Agriculture, first taken in 1840, has since 1920 been carried out every five years. A census of governments is taken in the years ending in two. The bureau is now preparing for the big census in 1954 to cover business, transportation, manufacturing, and mineral industries.

EVERY JOB UNDERTAKEN by the census has its origin in demands for information from all sources, from enormous corporations down to school children in search of some fact for an essay. Long ago calls began coming in for data on religions. In 1880 the first Census of Religious Bodies was provided for. The last one was taken in 1936; the next is scheduled for 1956. It is taken at 10-year intervals, but the money was not appropriated in 1946.

Dr. Peel remarked that the Census of Religious Bodies is not a direct census, because with our traditional separation of church and state the population would not take kindly to being questioned about their religion. The data is secured from church bodies, with a sample direct census to provide a check on the figures.

Dr. Peel took down the census volume for 1916. Turning to the section on the Lutheran church he read off the list of 26 groups and commented on the unity which has been achieved since that time.

Dr. Peel's training as a political scientist crops up in his conversation on any topic, for he tends to diagnose causes without offering dogmatic solutions. He went on to say that one of the problems of the modern church is presented b migrant nature of the people wi many wheels at their disposal, an the concentration of population in

In the past, he said, pastors co on a fixed community. A parish was literally a person who lived parish. Today parishioners arrive i from miles away. "Just the other Su my daughter and her husband got car to come to our church, but th wouldn't move."

THE SAME CAUSES make difficu upkeep of the church. The risin of living and high taxes have prac abolished tithing. This in turn h to special drives, and organizations reach far afield to raise money. ' times requests come in that I can judge. If it's from my own church tell whether I approve, and it course, my duty as a member to see that the drives are such that approve."

He went on to say that he has ob a change in religious leaders, wh closely study the times and the pr people must meet. He believes th must continually examine secular ing in their endeavor to establish ards of ethics and morality co with religious principles.

Acquainted as he is with the wo is well aware that many people i countries see our land as a big glittering with gadgets and regard a nation of materialists, but he disturbed. Our foreign aid progr believes, shows the world that interested in something besides o well-being. He believes that C morality is an animating force in ican life, and that in spite of r possessions people remain fundam much the same.

S IS HOME

OLD BY WYNNE C. BOLIEK

hundred old people, the Lowman Home near Columbia, S. C., is the where they love to be. It is the church's answer to their need

OLD GENTLEMAN had become fond Lowman Home. For some time, , he had been looking forward to his friends and relatives. He the trip, saw the folks, but re- to the Home two days later. He ked why he came back so soon. es filled with tears as he replied, it, I just couldn't stay away."

is the impression South Caro- owman Home for the Aged and s at White Rock has made in the of all its guests. Founded, owned erated by the Lutheran Church an endowment by Mrs. Malissa n, the home has brought con- nt to the fading lives of the aged, pled, the helpless, the epileptic.

DEATH OF MRS. LOWMAN'S hus- ft her the care of several totally children, a 900-acre farm to manage, and a mere $2,000 to provide family needs for life. On condition she and her children be attended to for life, she transferred her property and most of her cash (an approximate $10,000 total) to the Lutheran Church in 1911. The children died after a few years. Some years later, Mrs. Lowman eloped with a guest of the institution, returned a "blushing bride."

Two modest frame houses constituted the first home. Three or four persons in addition to the Lowmans were being cared for, then capacity was increased to accommodate 11. In 1926 the home site was moved from the old location off the highway about half a mile to property beside the highway in White Rock, about 18 miles from Columbia. C. E. Hotinger, who succeeded Lowman's first superintendent, the Rev. W. P. Cline, D.D., purchased lots, donated them to the institution. Soon several new buildings occupied the lots.

Mr. Hotinger supervised the construc-

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ek is pastor of Reformation Church, a, South Carolina, and is president of d of directors of the Lowman Home.

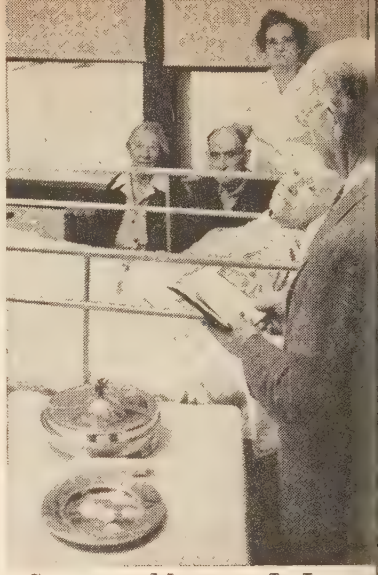
tion of the present administration building, the Greever building (men's dormitory), the Kinard building (women's dormitory), the laundry, cannery, and others. The superintendent's home (now farm manager's home) was erected a short while earlier. The Huffard cottage (now a temporary infirmary) and a large dairy barn also went up.

THE JULIUS CLINE building for men and the Alice Cline building for women were constructed in 1937. In 1949 a new superintendent's home was built, and later came the Wessels-Kuck building, designed especially for couples. Buildings and utilities (Lowman has a large central heating system, a sewage unit, a 50,000-gallon water tank) reflect modern design.

Future plans call for additional dormitories, cottages for aged couples, a hospital unit, a chapel, covered walkways. Today, Lowman Home can normally accommodate 90 people, presently cares for 109. Many others have applied, and are pressing for a place in the home.

Average cost of care per person last year (operating cost only, not including any capital investment) was a little more than $60 per month. About one third of the persons in the home are destitute. Another third pay part of the cost of care, varying from $10 to $45 per month. The rest pay all or more than the cost per capita. Where an individual or his family is able to pay part or all the cost, it is required. The home is responsible for all needs, including burials.

In addition to funds received from those who share in paying cost of care, the home receives support from Sunday schools, congregations of all six synods which own and control it. Minimum quotas are asked from these each year. In most cases, gifts exceed what is asked.



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Individuals, Lutheran and non-Lu
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THE INSTITUTION operates
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needed to run the home. Items li
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lief to the home's limited assets.
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pounds of bacon, 35 chickens,
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must be prepared for 10 epilept
diabetics and five who require
diets. Other dietary needs are m

Admission to Lowman Home
confined to those of the Luthera
Mrs. Lowman specified that as
the original agreement. Among
numbered in the home's "family
been Baptists, Methodists, Presby

palians, Roman Catholics, Jews, ched. The family represents all f life.

RAGE AGE OF a Lowman guest is ve are over 90, the youngest 35. are 50 invalids at Lowman, in- 20 totally disabled, 14 of whom be fed by attendants. Only 30 of the more than 100 can take vn baths. Reading circles, fellow- atherings, and whatever lighter can be pursued (such as music) embers to make their days fuller. home was first given to the South a Synod. In 1915 ownership was red to the United Synod of the composed of six synods. Later, nerger to form the ULCA took he six synods retained ownership ntrol. Each of the synods (Vir- North Carolina, South Carolina, -Alabama, Florida, Mississippi) nembers to Lowman's board of s, which has 18 members.

rs of the board include Dr. C. Boliek, president; the Rev. humate, vice president; the Rev. E. R. Trexler, secretary; Deems Haltiwanger, treasurer. Staff officers at the home are the Rev. Leroy E. Blackwelder, general superintendent; Mrs. R. W. Sease, supervisor; J. Earle Cromer, farm manager. Retired ULCA secretary, Dr. W. H. Greever, was one of the founding leaders, and president of the board of directors for more than 20 years.

THERE HAVE BEEN many days of struggle during the home's existence. At one time there was a $34,000 debt with finances so low that the credit of the institution was threatened. Faith and earnest effort brought the home out of the red and made possible the start of the present expansion program.

The institution is licensed unconditionally by the state of South Carolina, with regular inspections by the hospital division of the state Board of Health.

Lowman Home has proved a real asset to Lutheranism in the south. It grew out of the urgent need of an individual family. Through the years such human need has not diminished. Rather, it has grown immensely and continues to grow.

SCREENING APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION
ard member Rev. Herman Cauble, Supervisor Sease, Dr. Boliek and Superintendent Blackwelder

FIVE MAKE A FAMILY

LUNCHTIME CONFESSION

I PULLED MY MIND from the woman-talk going on all around me, to glance from the bandage I was rolling to my watch. Ten more minutes and I must be on my way if I wanted to be home when the children came storming home for lunch.

While my fingers twisted gauze, not too expertly I'm afraid, into bandages for faraway Phebe Hospital, my mind revolved about a thousand little household odds and ends. I quite lost track of what was being said at the table until I heard my name.

"Sorry," I laughed. "What was that about Connie Melton? You caught me napping that time."

"We were just wondering," explained Mrs. Huberman, "how you happened to be chief mourner at Miss Phaups's funeral. We never heard you speak of her very much."

"Now, don't make me go into all that again! I'm beginning to wish I'd never tried to be a good girl scout and do my good deed daily. But at least my responsibility is over. Her sister's daughter arrived the day of the funeral and she's staying in the house now, getting things packed up and what not. She seems a sweet little thing."

"Was that the young woman you had in church with you on Sunday?" asked Mrs. McIvor. "Someone told me she was your sister."

"Our coloring is pretty much the same, I guess. But I never saw her till last week."

"Connie's always picking up people," smiled Eloise. "Even if she's nev them before, you'd think they w atives, or at least bosom friends."

FROM HER TONE I couldn't tell she was praising me or poking fun "Well, for pity sake. Life's too s waste time being formal. I like and I must admit I like them to I guess I do make friends pret but that's the way I like to live Dan's like that too—"

Then Mrs. McIvor spoke in th way of hers. "The rest of us hav reason to be glad you and your h are like that. I for one was ve at making friends here in a new gation. But Connie Melton woul me stay a stranger. I've lost my sickness for my home church a as though I'd been one of you fo I think this is just a lovely g women."

Even Mrs. Schmidt, who isn' flattered, looked pleased and ju self-conscious. Eloise beamed could tell she was going to be best behavior for quite a while. nothing like a compliment—wh sincere, of course—to perk peo

I patted the dressings in front into a neat pile. "Time to run f young 'uns. Be good girls, ever

"We'll have to be good if we're up to Mrs. McIvor's opinion of u Huberman's hearty chuckle show too, liked being one of the group."

"See you next week." I slipp

jacket and reached for my
bag.
t you be back this afternoon?"
rs. Schmidt.
d not. Susie just goes to school
orning. She naps in the after-
t I can't tell how long and I
e on hand when she wakes up."

LY FLEW THE FEW blocks to the
it in spite of my best track work,
ren arrived just as I did.
e've you been?" demanded

e's our lunch?" asked Pete.
ungry," announced Susie.
ed gaily. "Aren't you the fast
certainly doesn't take you long
me from school. See if you can
s quick about getting your hands

a few minutes my family faced
bowls of soup, with a hearty
, a glass of milk and a bunch
s to round out their lunch.
ade foods are wonderful!

A," DECLARED SUSIE, speaking
a milk mustache, "is a very bad

'm sorry to hear that."
scribbled all over another girl's
nd the other girl cried and told
er and the teacher made Donna
ring and sit at the bad table."
lear. I'm sure Donna deserved
ing such a naughty thing. But
the other little girl felt very
en she saw what the teacher
o, didn't she?"
h. She was glad. She said,
ee!' "
wasn't very nice, was it? Who
other little girl?"

you monkey! Teasing me like

"Why did she scribble on your paper?" asked Karen. "What did you do to her?"

"Nothing!" Susie was indignant. Then she began to waver a little. "Anyhow, I didn't have a green."

"Did you take her green crayon?" Karen's tone was the one that always makes Dan call her Madame District Attorney.

"Well, I was going to give it back right away."

"But you did take it, didn't you? Why didn't she tell the teacher?" Karen held her spoon poised for action, but she was intent on seeing justice done.

SUSIE GULPED NOISILY and pretended not to hear, until she saw that her sister was not to be diverted. "The teacher didn't believe her."

Pete was getting bored. "Do you want to hear about my being chief carpenter for the post office, or don't you?"

"For the post office? Why, Pete, how did you get a job like that?" I was glad to have the subject changed.

"Well, it's just the post office for our room, but it sure is neat." He gave us a blow-by-blow description of the construction in progress in his class, drawing attention from Susie—to her relief, and mine.

When Karen and Pete had hustled off to the afternoon session and Susie and I had cleared up the kitchen, she kicked off her shoes and clambered up on her bed for a rest. Looking at me solemnly she announced, "I'm not going to school tomorrow. I'm a story-teller and the teacher doesn't like me."

"Most people tell stories now and then," I smiled, glad the sin was out in the open. "Just tell the teacher you were wrong. She'll like you. I do."

Susie looked doubtful, but all she said was, "We-ell."

Pain Shouldn't Be Wasted

God doesn't want us to suffer, but when pain results from huma ishness or carelessness, He teaches us how to make something o

ALL PAIN IS, in a sense, caused by sin. That is, if we lived as sinless creatures in a perfect world, there wouldn't be pain and suffering. But aside from that, it does appear reasonable to divide human suffering into two parts: suffering more or less obviously caused by selfishness or greed or carelessness—either of ourselves or someone else; and the suffering that at least appears to be sent from God for some particular purpose.

It isn't difficult to see that most suffering in the world is caused by ourselves, or by other people. If you have a stomachache because you ate too much, it is hardly reasonable to blame God for it.

A couple of years ago I drove my car into a tree while trying to arbitrate an argument between my youngsters. A good Christian friend wrote to me in the hospital that our suffering made her doubt the goodness of God. I should have had much more difficulty in believing in a good, dependable God if He had turned that amazingly hard oak tree into putty simply for my convenience.

MANY PEOPLE HAVE DOUBTED the goodness of God because people all over the world periodically starve to death. But that has been due partially to our own ignorance of how to use God's world, but mainly due to the selfishness and greed of men who have wanted more than their needful share.

Many doubt the goodness of God because cities lie in shambles, people are homeless and children are with ents, families are without a cour veterans lie in hospitals. But Go make the bombs, nor did God selfishness and the pride that ma bombs necessary.

That is what Hosea is sayin Israel's impending doom, only it much better: "For they so wind; and they shall reap the whi

Could we believe that God w good if, when we sowed hat reaped love? Or if when we selfishness, we reaped peace? Or we sowed national pride and i ism, we reaped international g and harmony? Or if, when we bombs, rose gardens should gr blame God may be comforting, it saves us from blaming oursel it is not reasonable.

WHEN PAUL WROTE from hi cell in Rome to the Christians at he didn't waste time or energy b his fate, or crying—as we so o —"God, why did You do this He was aware that it was God's who had put him in prison.

What does this mean, then, own problem of pain? Surely everyone either has such a prob has had one, or is deeply distu another's suffering. Does it me where suffering is the result o sinfulness, either our own or a God doesn't enter into the pictur

Samaritan, as he journeyed, came
he was; and when he saw him, he
passion. LUKE 10:33

ow the wind and reap the storm.
on their shoot, it bears no fruit;
bore, a foreigner would devour it.
HOSEA 8:7

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g we have to take care of on
either complaining bitterly or
t stoically? Not at all.

Paul wrote his letter from
e did not blame God, but he
ther long paragraph telling how
used what men did for the ad-
f the Gospel. Wicked men put
prison, but two marvelous re-
ıe because of it. The guards
ring about the Gospel from
oner. Some of the other Chris-
side prison were gaining new
from knowing that Paul was
heroically behind bars. Paul
that God arranged his impris-
r that purpose. But since that
tuation that existed because of
kedness, God could put it to
and He did.

s WHAT God can do with our
It isn't that He wants us to
at least it is not necessarily that
lled it. But if we will let Him
ffering, He can turn it to some-
derful for ourselves and for
le.

like that didn't quit happening
century. They are happening
Such a thing is happening
y home town, where a few
o a girl of unusual charm and
s burned to death. It was a
kind of an accident, the sort
to accomplish nothing. The
makes so many say: "How
od God let that happen?" But
and grace and Christian faith

of the young mother, for whom the suffering was the greatest, has been and is an eloquent testimony to the strong hand of God who has sustained her.

It isn't only stoicism, or fortitude, or bravery. It is something more. It is a kind of a confidence that God will use even that senseless accident for something good. It isn't that God made the accident happen in order for the mother to make this witness; but being presented with a situation heavy with grief and tragedy, God is using it for victory.

THE OTHER SIDE of God's use of suffering is through the people who aren't involved in the suffering. You remember the story Jesus told about the Samaritan who picked up the fellow who had been robbed. The chief character there isn't the poor victim, but the man who helped him out. It is his reaction to someone else's suffering that is important.

That has profound meaning for us every day. It means that someone else's suffering can help us to develop within ourselves a very faint reflection of the mercy and compassion of God. Or it can do quite the contrary; it can harden us in our dullness and apathy.

It can confirm in us the habit of passing by on the other side, or it can prod us into compassion and mercy. That is the reason our reaction to such appeals as Lutheran World Action are as important for our own souls as for the victims whose suffering they remedied.

If you insist that it is God that causes all the suffering of the world, you come to the dreadfully egotistical position that He makes millions of people writhe in agony just so you and I can know the meaning of mercy. Obviously, that is not the God revealed in Jesus Christ. But with the agony induced by men, God can use even that for making us just a trifle more like himself.

Personal Problem Clinic

Joint living?

QUESTION: Our daughter was married three years ago, and we agreed that the couple could live with us. No mention was made as to how long this arrangement should continue. They now have one child and expect another. They take just about everything for granted.

This combined living is no longer satisfactory to us, much as we love the young family. It is creating a great deal of extra work for mother, who is no longer able to carry the same load as in years gone by. Our problem is just how we can tell them to go for themselves, after the baby comes, without arousing bad feeling.

REPLY: You entered into this arrangement without reckoning with all that was plainly involved. Parents are generally pleased—even delighted—to have a young couple share their home. But they may fail to recognize that they will have *two families* under the same roof. The elder couple are almost certain to "run the ranch," to the increasing annoyance of the young couple, whereas the young couple will naturally grow in their sense of unity and their desire for a free hand in living their own lives and choosing their own way. These two inclinations are very likely to clash.

When such a plan is agreed upon it ought to be with the understanding that as soon as the young people can afford it they will find separate quarters for themselves. This is better for everyone concerned, especially for the young people, since they need to be alone in order to work out satisfactory adjustments to one another and to the fact that they actually constitute a separate family. Retrospection, however, does not solve such problems.

This situation is not likely to solve itself—it will probably deteriorate. You need to have a family council—the two families together—and go over the total situation in a very pleasant, generous, but factual way. Perhaps you pare the way by speaking in way to your daughter before y plenary session. It may be too could get the young couple sta ing about the problem in an ea having a few close dependab mention it to one or both of casual way—"Your parents are generous in sharing their home so long"; or "I thought you have gone to housekeeping for by this time"; or "Isn't it har mother to carry such a load a

You may cushion the break by offering your help toward t new start. If possible, you them to finance the new u It may be worthwhile even to debt for yourselves in orde them, to solve your own probl create a new and better situat

Transfer of training

QUESTION: My son is in high Latin teacher says Latin is a su disciplines the mind and makes a student to learn other branche I can't see it, and I know some who disagree.

REPLY: The Latin teacher is a view which dates from Loc long been discredited by a v of scientific data. The princ view is known as "formal while the supposed results "transfer of training."

Without going into details be found in many books on p the evidence shows that " limited to identical elemen learns certain facts, principl cedures in one subject those naturally carry over to ano if they are natural parts of also. Beyond that any claim is merely wishful thinking.

—EARL S.

ous Invitation

the Life. By Herman W. Gockel. a. 96 pages. 75 cents.

s the Life will be recognized by as the title of the highly publicized f television programs being pro- is year by the Lutheran Church— Synod. The aim of the programs h America's unchurched multitudes racious invitation to become inter- the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

's of the television show are in- send in for a book which is evi- imilar to this small evangelistic n. It's intended for inquirers who know of the Gospel, but who frightened away by the usual type ian literature—the "soul that sin- all die" type.

Gockel starts "where the people t men have a great deal in com- ir hopes, their fears, their desires. proceeds to show that the Chris- is the best life. It offers kindness, peace. It belongs to everyone *if* their salvation in the redemptive God through Christ. It's simple, e same time profound. For those found it, it is indeed *the* life.

and church workers will find this k a useful aid in their missionary

A. P. S.

al Presence

's Supper in the New Testament. By iggins. Regnery. 96 pages. $1.50.

pastor should greet with interest cation of the "Studies in Biblical " of which this volume is one of , because they offer him the re- irrent theological research in brief ensive form. Among the brigade it on the front lines of the army there is little time for wading olumes on theology. Yet brief from the ivory towers of the theologians are always needed and often eagerly received.

In *The Lord's Supper in the New Testament,* Dr. Higgins discusses: The Last Supper and the Ministry of Jesus, The Nature of the Last Supper, The Eucharistic Sayings of Jesus, Form and Meaning, Two Types of Eucharist, Paul's Teaching on the Lord's Supper, Johannine Eucharistic Doctrine; and he ends with a short conclusion. All of this is accomplished in the space of 89 well-footnoted pages.

This little book purports to offer the latest results of biblical research regarding the Lord's Supper. It is not likely to be convincing to Lutherans, who teach the doctrine of the "real presence." The author states, "it is necessary to clear the ground by removing two widespread but erroneous opinions. The first is the Catholic view that 'is' ('This is my body') must be taken literally—the bread and wine are in fact, if not in appearance, the actual body and blood of Christ." Nothing is said about the Lutheran doctrine that "is" must be taken literally, but we can assume that the author includes Lutherans in his sweeping statement. Also, he states, ". . . the bread and wine of the Eucharist *represent* the atoning sacrifice of Christ as the true Paschal lamb without themselves possessing any inherent efficacy."

It is at this point that there is a parting of the ways between Lutherans and Reformed. Martin Luther was not just being stubborn when he insisted, as over against Zwingli, that "is" means is, rather than represents. He was insisting upon a thoroughly Scriptural truth, which was not only Scriptural but which had had a tremendous existential significance for Christians for nearly 1,500 years. The whole dynamic conception of the ever-living, ever-present, ongoing, victorious risen Christ, who said, "Lo, I am with you alway," was at stake.

Lutherans ought to be stimulated, if not informed, by this monograph.

So. Haven, Mich. KENNETH W. JOHNSON

Austrian Lutherans did the construction on new parsonage in village near

AUSTRIA: Vienna. Oct. 1.—THE 14TH of September was not only a festival day for the Protestants in Laa but for the whole diocese of Vienna and for our whole Austrian church. After an outdoor service attended by nearly 500 a parsonage was turned over to its new owner. Not only have the Lutheran World Federation, the Lutheran diocese of Vienna and the Austrian Gustav Adolf Verein helped in building this parsonage but more than that, the parsonage was actually constructed by members of the congregation.

Men and women of the congregation in Laa cleared the ground, dug bricks out of the rubble of the bombed-out city kindergarten, helped raise the walls, and painted them. Thus they saved nearly 180,000 schillings, and showed what faithful labor can accomplish.

The people of Laa were enco to build their parsonage by the of Korneuburg, who with great already four years ago rebuilt th sonage. Now the example of L inspire other congregations in to a similar venture.

Dedication of the parsonage w ducted by Superintendent Geor of Vienna. Among many guests former president of the church's tive committee, Dr. Liptak. three years ago, as a judge in La stituted the first worship services. time there were only 24 Protes Laa. Today there are 330. In gion of the whole parish there w 49 Protestants, while now th 1,334. —GEORG

LUTHERANS MULTIPLY IN AUSTRIA
Church has a parsonage now

ıs:

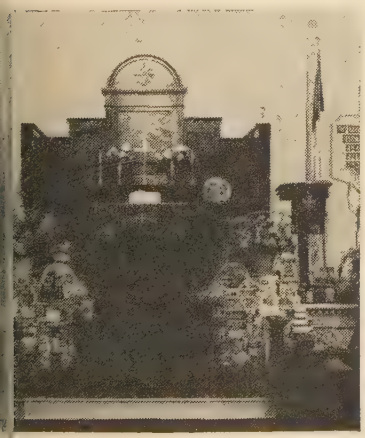
Aims at $100,000;
t Least $90,000

CHURCH, Tulsa, Okla., is raising
ith an objective of $100,000 for
w church. To date $90,000 in
has been received. Pastor Aksel
en and the church council "are
ncouraged with results."

REV. WALTER H. MOELLER of St.
Church, Minneapolis, accepted the
t. John's Church, Salina, arrived on
in early September. Pastor Moeller
ved Trinity, Hays, is returning to
sas Synod after 11 years.

. E. F. Tonsing, president of Kansas
WMS, was elected to the executive
of the Women's Missionary Society
triennial convention in Philadelphia
17 on the first ballot.

REV. THEODORE MOEHRING has re-
Scherer Memorial, Chapman, ef-
)ct. 12, to accept a call to Grace



HOME. Across the United Lutheran
undreds of congregations are cur-
nning or holding Harvest Home fes-
h like this one held recently in Chal-
by members of St. James' Church
William Coley Roeger

Church, Casper, Wyo.

THE REV. LOUIS C. WEITZENKAMP has resigned at Rockport-Langdon parish, Mo., effective Nov. 15 to accept a call to Iowa Falls, Iowa.

THE COMMITTEE ON LUTHERAN promotion (synodical plan), Pastors Wm. F. Most, Franklin Shirck, Arthur Angersbach and T. Benton Peery, chairman, are at work to receive 100 per cent response from every congregation in synod. The committee is "encouraged with response to date" and hopes to surpass the record of last year.

THE REV. H. VANCE BAIRD, Atchison, has been re-elected president of the board of trustees of Central Seminary.

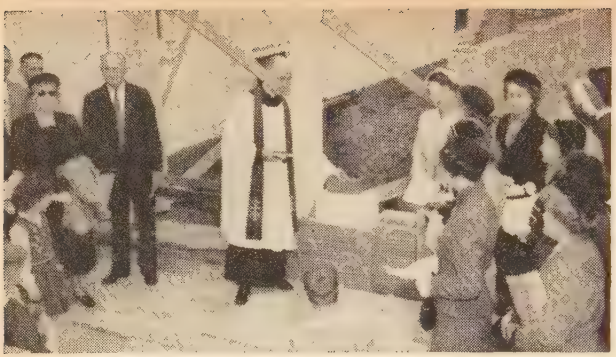
Reformation Church, Wichita, has purchased a desirable property on Kellogg Street at Mill Road in East Wichita, is contemplating building very soon.

Faith (Prairie Village) Mission has awarded its building contract and is launched on building a new church at 67th and Roe Road. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Oct. 5.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Peabody, celebrated its 75th anniversary, Oct. 19-20. The Rev. J. A. McCullough, former pastor, was preacher. For the anniversary dinner, Synod President E. F. Tonsing was speaker. This congregation has four sons in the active ministry: Pastors Reno Frobenius, George Whittecar, Lightner Swan and Ivan Ross. Mrs. Jennie Christ Knubel entered the diaconate from this church and her brother, Fred Christ, the ministry. Miss Julia Vandeveer became a missionary from this congregation.

DR. T. BENTON PEERY observed the fifth anniversary of his pastorate at St. Paul's, Wichita, Oct. 5. A summary of statistics shows 353 adult members received, 80 child members by transfer of parents, 122 infant baptisms, for a total of 555 new members. Total receipts for current expenses and benevolences increased 75 per cent over the previous five years.

T. BENTON PEERY



CORNERSTONE LAYI
Elwood Falkenstein an
bers of Grace Church
minster, Md., laying t
nerstone for congre
new $70,000 parish h

MARYLAND:

RSV Celebrations Held; Councilmen to Meet

FREDERICK—"The publication of the RSV Bible may very well turn out to be the most outstanding single event in the history of this decade," said Dr. J. M. Myers, Gettysburg Seminary, at the Frederick observance of the new translation. Similar services were held throughout the area including as speakers Dr. A. R. Wentz and Dr. Edwin Hughes Pruden.

PASTOR E. J. ALEXIS, assistant at Frederick, has accepted a call to English Lutheran Church, Zelienople, Pa., effective Oct. 15.

HARVEST HOME SERVICES in many churches provided generous gifts of canned foods, vegetables and groceries for the National Lutheran Home for the Aged, Washington.

WESTERN CONFERENCE of synod meets in St. Paul's, Leitersburg, Nov. 3.

TREASURER VIRGIL W. DOUB reports as of Sept. 12 that apportioned benevolence receipts are 56 per cent of quota.

LWA has been paid 73.5 per cent while 90.9 per cent of the CHEY goal has been reached.

COUNCILMEN'S WORKSHOPS are scheduled for St. Luke's, Cumberland, Nov. 10; St. John's, Hagerstown, Nov. 11; Woodsboro, Nov. 12; St. Mary's, Silver Run, Nov. 13. Sponsored by synod these meetings signed to encourage better council r and help pastors and councilmen kn synod better.

HILLSIDE NURSERY SCHOOL opened year at Trinity Church, Hagerstow an enrollment of 40. The school each morning Monday to Friday fr tember to June.

SYNODICAL Sunday school co meets in St. Paul's, Walkersville, S Nov. 1.

PASTOR FREDERICK J. ECKERT, A Baltimore, accepted a call to St. Cumberland, effective Oct. 6.

CORNERSTONE of the new parish tion building, Grace, Westminst Elwood S. Falkenstein pastor, w Sept. 21.

A LUTHERAN young man, Keith of Hagerstown, because of leaders farm accomplishments, has been g "American Farmer" award by the Future Farms of America. Two bo each state are selected each year honor. WILSON

MIDWEST SYNOD:

Brotherhood Reports Growth Over 250 Laymen Attend M

BLOOMFIELD—The Brotherho synod met Sept. 26 in St. Mark's Bloomfield, Nebr. Delegates he dresses from Pastors John Streng

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ebr.; Hugo Welchert, Hooper; chroeder, Grand Island.

eport of the growth of the organ- ndicated an increase of about 20 in membership during the past ive new Brotherhoods were re- Grand Island, Nebr.; Great Bend, ussell, Kan.; Hanover, Kan.; and Nebr. Special projects adopted rnishing the chapel in the new Lu- udent center at the University of in Lincoln ($2,000); institutional y work in Nebraska ($300); and the Lutheran student work in

s for the coming year are: Wm. Hooper, president; Richard Glaser, vice president; Verlin Wendt, secretary; Julius Lueschen, Leigh, n; and Arthur Denker, Papillion, Pastoral advisors are Wallace Winside, and Walter Rowoldt,

x months approximately 4,600 persons elped through the ministry of mercy braska Lutheran Social Service, the of directors heard at their annual g in Fremont from L. C. Pretty, di- of chaplaincy work for NLC Luther- the state. Elected president was the orin J. Wolff of Lincoln. Other of- are the Rev. Alfred Young, Lincoln; v. C. G. Lygre, Omaha; and Herman eier, Lincoln.

RING all past registration records, ates, pastors and visitors attended Women's Missionary Society con- Wayne, Nebr., Redeemer Church. resented congregations from Iowa, Texas, Oklahoma as well as and Kansas where the chief of the Midwest Synod lies.

arren Churchill of Creston, Nebr., cted to a third term as president. n speakers were Mrs. F. P. Reiter se, Calif.; Missionary Paul Hansen ish Guiana and Mrs. Aaron M. of Omaha.

LORIN J. WOLFF

SCARE

story of the week

DELEGATES to the Seattle convention of the United Lutheran Church in America were invited by all Lutheran congregations of the Washington city to choose their place of worship on Sunday morning.

At one of the ULCA churches, a young woman offered to care for small children.

All went well. While mothers and fathers listened to the sermon, joined in the worship, the youngsters played in the nursery. At one point, the young woman suggested the group adjourn outdoors.

Carefully she watched seven of her charges frisk up and down the pavement. One three-year-old detached herself from the group and made her way to a group of adults just outside the church door. Almost immediately, the youngster was the center of attention as the adults interrupted their conversation to talk to her.

So well did things appear to be, that the young woman assumed the child was a part of one of the families in the group of adults. Therefore, she conscientiously returned to her nursery with the remaining six.

SERVICES OVER, seven sets of parents began drifting into the nursery to pick up their offspring. Only then did the fact become dreadfully apparent that what had transpired on the pavement minutes before had not been an early reunion of parents with their three-year-old.

At first, the people involved in the situation weren't too concerned. But as individual after individual returned without the youngster, the search got desperate.

Seattle police were informed and a city-wide search was started immediately.

Three hours later, a cruising police car, 19 blocks from the church, saw a very sweet young thing hesitating on a downtown corner. Within minutes the unharmed but bewildered miss was reunited with the happiest father and mother in Seattle that day!

—DICK SUTCLIFFE

CHAPEL WING. Presi Henry J. Arnold has nounced that constructio the chapel wing of the ligion and Fine Arts Buil at Hartwick College, onta, N. Y., will start this fall. It will cost $11C

MISSISSIPPI:

Synod to Meet in Louisville; Churches Subscribe to "Lutheran"

JACKSON—Synod will meet in 1953 at Betheden Church, Louisville, in connection with that congregation's centennial anniversary.

GRACE CHURCH, New Hope, Providence and Luther Chapel have made visitation of members for subscriptions to THE LUTHERAN. Results have been good and the synod expects to stay at the percentage top. TRINITY CHURCH, Jackson, subscribes for every family.

GIFTS from Trinity, St. Paul's, Grace, St. John's, Betheden, Luther Chapel, Providence and Bethlehem have enabled synod to meet the financial requirements for participation in ownership of Lutheridge and to join the other southern synods in this enterprise.

PRESIDENT H. A. WOLFF (Grace, Laurel) has resigned and arrangements are being completed for his move to Starkville to serve the Sturgis parish.

PASTOR H. B. SCHAEFFER has resigned at Trinity Church, Jackson, and will become pastor of Wittenberg Church, Leesville, S. C. He has been in Jackson for 14 years. There were 47 persons at his first communion, 147 at his last. Since building the wonderful new church (less than three years ago) 156 baptized members have been received, 37 more than during his first eight years as pastor. Of the 209 active confirmed members on the roll, 154 were received by him, 77 of them having been unchurched or non-Lutheran.

IN A PAGE ADVERTISEMENT in a Louis newspaper sponsored by the Lutheran ish Brotherhood, Lutheran teachings brought to this mission area.

H. BRENT SCHAE

NEW PARSONAGE. This $21,500 parso was built for Pastor Paul Moessner by mem of Zion Church, Hooper, Nebr. Dedic took place early this past summer

NEBRASKA:

Preaching Workshop Held At Central Seminary

FREMONT—A preaching miss workshop was held at Central Semi Oct. 1-2. Workshops were conducte Dr. C. Franklin Koch, executive s tary of the ULCA Board of Social sions.

Sessions featured addresses by Dr. on "The Place of the Preaching Missi the Lutheran Church"; "Spiritual Pre tion of the Pastor, Congregation, and sioner"; and "Relating the Preaching sion to the Total Evangelism Program.

Also on the program were Dr. E. B Keisler, Dr. Frederick Boldt, Dr. Th Rinde, Midwest Synod President Lor Wolff and Nebraska Synod President C. Schuldt.

ESTABLISHMENT of a visual aids library the 58 congregations of synod was dis-ssed recently when the synodical Parish e and Work Committee met at Central minary. Completion of the plans for the rary will be made when the committee ets Nov. 21 with Dr. S. White Rhyne of ULCA Parish and Church School Board.

SYNOD'S QUOTA for Lutheran World Ac-n this year is $23,888 of which only 48 cent was paid as of Sept. 5. Eleven gregations have already reached their ota.

PASTOR JOHN H. M. SHIERY of Wayne accepted a call to Zion Church, Frack-e, Pa. He and his family planned to ve Wayne on Oct. 15.

PASTOR CLAUDIUS E. JENSEN of Snyder, Y., has accepted a call to Our Redeemer rch, Omaha, effective Oct. 15.

ASTOR JOHN JACOBS of Ponca has ac-ed a call to Cuero, Texas.

FEATURE of the North Platte Confer-convention at Luther Memorial rch, Omaha, was a guided tour through Israel Synagogue, one of the newest largest synagogues in the U.S.

NEED of trained teachers and work-First Church, South Sioux City, holds achers' training class during the early ay school hour at 9:30 A.M., and a al workers' training course once a h on a weeknight.

PAUL WIEGMAN

CAMPUS

ROANOKE College: Defense Mobilizer Henry H. Fowler warned students here that America must return to the well-rounded liberal education gained at small colleges. The mobilizer, an alumnus, spoke at the opening convocation.

HAMMA Divinity School's Dr. T. A. Kantonen spoke to hundreds of thousands of Finlanders on Voice of America the week-end of Sept. 26. Systematic Theologian Kantonen reported on Lutheran unity in America in a broadcast arranged by Robert Jones, Wittenberg '47, the Voice's special events director.

NORTHWESTERN seminarians are expected to continue their former custom of receiving an offering at every Thursday morning chapel service, turning over the entire amount to some worthy cause of the church. Last year offerings went to LSA and Pacific Seminary, Lutheran World Action, Lutheran Welfare, Foreign Missions, Social Missions and American Missions. With many of the seminarians active tithers, over $1,600 was contributed throughout the seminary year.

MUHLENBERG College has four new faculty members this fall: Ludwig Lenel, assistant professor of music; Claude E. Dierolf, instructor of English; Paul W. H. Weaver, Jr., instructor of biology; and Delbert Barley, instructor of sociology.

NEWBERRY College has added four to its faculty and staff. They are: N. Kibler Williamson, assistant professor of mathematics; Harvey B. Kirkland, director of athletics; E. W. Burnette, assistant director of athletics; and Mrs. Anna B. Edwards, dietitian and dining room hostess.

MIDLAND College students will select one of four femme fatales, Doris Lang, Jean Niemoth, Alice Johnson, Marjorie Ruwe (see cut this page) as Grid Queen late this month. The lucky girl will reign at college's Homecoming Nov. 1.

ORGANIZERS. Mission Developer Robert Peterson with the group he has gathered to es a new mission congregation in the growing area around Somerville, New Jersey

NEW JERSEY:

Jersey City Girl Enters Diaconate; Dr. Ruff Gives Hannover Repor

TRENTON—"Ever since I became active in church work, I wanted to bring p closer to God, and give them a leader, someone on whom they could depend, Miss Ernestine Wrba as she matriculated at Wagner College to prepare fo diaconate service. After completing her two-year college course she will ent the Baltimore Deaconess Motherhouse for an additional two-year study in re and diaconics.

Miss Wrba was an active church worker in St. Trinitatis Church, Jersey City, and St. John's Church, Union City, during most of her 20 youthful years. At the age of 15 she decided to dedicate her life to full-time Christian service.

A service of personal dedication was held at St. Trinitatis with Dr. George R. Tamke of Union City delivering the sermon and the Rev. Norman Holmes Fowler, pastor of the church, serving as liturgist.

DR. G. ELSON RUFF presented the highlights of the Hannover convention to the delegates of the Southern Conference in a dramatic manner, reviewing the progress of the Lutheran World Federation since its birth in 1947.

RAISING FUNDS for the calling of a social worker for the Camden area will be determined by each congregation according to action taken by the Southern Conference. It is estimated that approximately $10,000 will be needed to begin the service.

CHURCH COUNCILMEN in the Hudson County area will gather at St. John's Church, Union City, Oct. 29 for the annual dinner. The Rev. George Harkins, assistant to the ULCA president, and Mr. Henry E stewardship secretary of the ULCA speak.

PASTOR CLAYTON SUGG of Advent C Mt. Ephraim, has resigned to acce responsibility of mission developer i Milford, N. J. This will be the th cently organized mission in growing County suburban areas. Two othe established congregations are cu planning to relocate.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, Manasqua icated a new $50,000 parish house S The new building is of colonial desig classroom facilities on the basemen and a second floor with a fully ec stage. The new public address f afford coverage for the parish hou church. A pledge of $12,000, to be six years, was reported.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Millville, hel dedication service Sept. 21.

GROUNDBREAKING ceremonies for $44,000 parish house for Trinity, bury, were conducted Sept. 14 by Louis K. Helldorfer.

THE SYNODICAL Women's Mission ciety was honored at the WMS-ULC

EW JERSEY . . .

ntion with the election of Mrs. Paul C. eber to the executive board. Mrs. Weber, Camden, has been serving as president the synodical society since its organiza- n in 1950.

THE REV. ALFORD J. NAUS of Merchant- le has been appointed editor of the New rsey Synod *News*, succeeding C. A. Bon- zone of Haddonfield. Plans are being ade to issue the paper five times this year.

ANNIVERSARIES in the synod: TRINITY, mden, 95th, Oct. 19; REDEEMER, Ramsey, h anniversary, Nov. 22; REDEEMER, Du- nt, 25th year of the congregation and h year of the ordination of Pastor Glenn Rudisill, Oct. 25.

RALPH I. SHOCKEY

w Jersey Churchmen Hold -week Leadership School

ERSEY CITY—For six successive Mon- evenings, starting Oct. 20, an inter- heran Leadership Training School eing conducted at Calvary Church, nford, under sponsorship of the on County Leadership School.

ive courses will be offered as follows: Church and Human Relations, a -hour period of discussion of the re- nships between people of different races and creeds; Evangelism in the Lutheran Church; The Use of the Bible in Christian Education; How to Be a Better Leader; and Understanding Our Worship and Its Symbols.

In the course on "The Christian Faith and Human Relations," the first period featured an address on "The Lutheran Church Speaks on Human Relations" by the Rev. Harold Letts, secretary for social action of the ULCA. On subsequent Monday evenings: "Race Relations in World Affairs," by Dr. J. Oscar Lee, executive secretary of the department of racial and cultural relations, NCCCUSA; "Your Church and Race Relations," Lt. Arnold J. Dahlquist; a panel discussion: "Changing Race Patterns in Schools and Industry" with Dr. Joseph Bustard, director of the New Jersey Department of Education's division against discrimination; George Cranmere, assistant regional director of the UAW, CIO; and William Stafford, advisor on human relations for Daystrom, Inc., Elizabeth.

Pastors on the faculty include: Walter Kloetzli, Rufus Cornelsen, Edwin Grubb, Lynn J. Wilfrid, Peter J. Dexnis, Clifton Weihe, Godfrey Alberti, John W. Miller and J. Edward Gonzalez.

Anticipated attendance for the sessions has been estimated at from 150 to 200 by Dean Howard Kontje.

R. T. S.

IRDAY PAINTERS. Men Christ Church, Paramus, ., spent their Saturdays vacation days during the summer giving the par- e a new coat of paint. house was used as a l until the recent dedi- of their new building

SOUTH CAROLINA:

300 Churchmen Attend Rally; Young Mission Tops Goal

COLUMBIA—Well over 300 laymen and pastors attended the stewardship and workshop Sept. 24. Emphasis was given to the use of all God-given mean fruitful service in the kingdom. Stewardship was presented as an all-time job f people. Zeb B. Trexler from the ULCA stewardship office participated.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH, Columbia, the "baby" church of this area, set a fina goal of $1,300 to pay off a mortgage on two lots. When the money was counte offering reached a total of $1,800. The Rev. Harold F. Park has served the cong tion since organization.

There are records and records, but St. James' Church, Sumter, a congregation of 242 baptized members claims a record (at least in the synod) of having the most twins for its size. There are four sets of twins in the church. All were in attendance at the vacation church school held recently.

The vacation church school had a total enrollment of 94 (including teachers), and the average attendance was 84. A total of 55 certificates were issued for work well done and 100 per cent attendance.

During the past four years four young men from this congregation have begun their college instruction in preparation for the gospel ministry. The Rev. J. E. Roof has been serving this parish for the past four years.

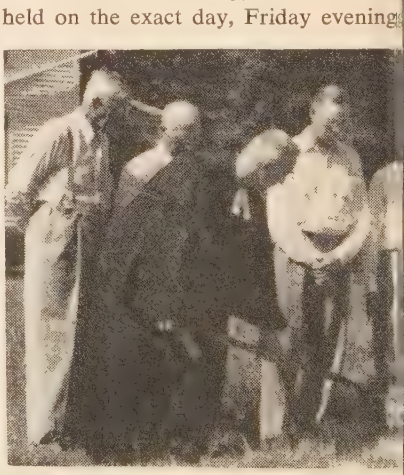
Contributions from synod to the ULCA are increasing as compared with last year. Reports in hand for the period ending Sept. 20, 1952, show the following: Contributed to date in 1952—$66,000; for the same period in 1951—$53,000, indicating an increase of $13,000, or 24.53 per cent increase.

NUMEROUS preaching-teaching missions are being held throughout synod; others will follow later, all follow-ups of evangelism rallies held Sept. 14. Three rallies were held at Greenville, West Columbia and Charleston. All were well attended.

REGULAR MEETINGS of five conferences of the synod are scheduled for the last part of October and first part of Nove They are: Piedmont, Oct. 28; Sou Oct. 30; Central, Nov. 4; Newberry, 5; and Western, Nov. 7.

POST-HANNOVER CONFERENCES in th terest of Lutheran World Action are s uled for Prosperity Nov. 4, and Char on Nov. 7.

SPECIAL EMPHASIS will be given th servance of Reformation Day, partic in the central area. The service will be in the Columbia Township Auditorium lumbia, with Dr. Franklin Clark F guest speaker. Instead of holding the ice "as usual" on Sunday evening bef after Reformation Day, the service w held on the exact day, Friday evening



GROUNDBREAKER. Pastor Robert H. S breaks ground for new two-story Christia cation Building for Mt. Zion Church, year, Pa. Much of work is being done b of the congregation

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UTH CAROLINA . . .

The service is being sponsored by the theran Ministers' Association of Columand Southern Seminary.

THE REV. PAUL G. MCCULLOUGH has end upon his duties as pastor of Mt. Pleascongregation, Saluda. He is former tor of Bethel Church, White Rock.

WYNNE C. BOLIEK

NNSYLVANIA:

of C Seeks Co-operation Christmas-Good Friday

YORK—The York County Council of urches (ULCA Pastor Gordon E. kemer chairmans the committee on mmunity and social relations) seeks co-operation of merchants and the mayor of York in bringing about a "finer and more worshipful celebration of religious festivals—primarily Christmas and Good Friday."

CHRIST CHURCH, York, host to the 13th annual convention of the conference WMS Oct. 14-15, featured Isolde Eland of the Board of Social Missions, Mrs. Miriam Treon Miller and Mrs. L. S. G. Miller, missionaries from Liberia and Japan.

DR. ELSON RUFF, editor of THE LUTHERAN, will be the York Reformation speaker, Nov. 2, 7 P.M. in William Penn High School. The 35-voice choir of Gettysburg Seminary will sing.

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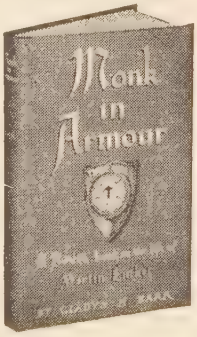

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PENNSYLVANIA . . .

DEDICATION. Pastor Ralph A. Boyer, l ceives keys to new Church of the Holy Secane, Pa., from Building Committee man Leonard Carns during Sept. 21 dedi ceremonies. Looking on are: Layman G Goodman, Dr. Roy L. Winters, superinte of the Board of Home Missions of the terium of Pennsylvania, and Lay Council ident James Stephens

secretary for social action of the U Board of Social Missions, at the a missionary institute, sponsored by the eration of Church Women of York co

FRIEDENSAAL CHURCH, near Seven leys, recently observed its 200th an sary with Pastors George H. Berkhe H. D. Hoover and J. I. Hummer as speakers. Before 1873 the congregatio part of the Shrewsbury parish, but n part of the Seven Valleys parish cons of Trinity, Zieglers and Friedensaal.

Christ's Home for the Aged, recentl chased in York, will open in Novembe will be known as Christ Church Hon will accommodate 18 people age 65 over.

STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOPS in the co ence, held at Carlisle, York and Getty drew 1,000 churchmen.

EMMANUEL SUNDAY SCHOOL, Wi Park, recently observed its 50th anniv with Dr. E. J. Hoover as speaker.

THE REV. DALE KOHR, Rossville, h signed after four years to accept a pas in Massachusetts.

GRACE CHURCH, Red Lion, has re a $100 bequest from the late Mrs. M Tyson of Red Lion . . . ST. MARK'S,

ENNSYLVANIA . . .

bequest of $500 from the late Elmer S. ish, York, and also $450 from Charles Bishop estate . . . ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ork, $500 from the estate of Carleton F. inney, York.

ADVENT CHURCH, York, broke ground for $124,000 Sunday school building, with istor George E. Whetstone as speaker.

CHRIST CHURCH, Spry, has voted to erect Colonial-style church building in four its. First to be erected will be the edu- tional unit.

Dr. Harry F. Baughman, president of Gettysburg Seminary, delivered the ded- icatory sermon at St. Paul's Church, Spring Grove, when the south transept window was memorialized by Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Glatfelter, "in memory of William L. Glatfelter and William L. Glatfelter, II."

GETTYSBURG COLLEGE opened with 300 shmen and 40 advanced students.

BIBLE TEACHING conferences will be con- cted as follows: Mercersburg, Nov. 3, John; Shippensburg, Nov. 4, Memorial; ttysburg, Christ, Nov. 6; and York, St. ler's, Nov. 7. All meetings are at 7:30 t. The Rev. Lawrence M. Reese from Parish and Church School Board, and Rev. George E. Whetstone, and mem- s of the synodical committee are in rge.

THE REV. WALLACE E. FISHER, Christ, ttysburg, served as stated preacher for U.S. Army Religious and Educational nference in Germany, Aug. 17-31. The gram was sponsored by the Chaplains' ision of the European Command.

PAUL LEVI FOULK

EXAS:

l Conference at Pt. Lavaca; aconess Arrives in Houston

ORT LAVACA—Fall conference of the tors of the Texas Synod met in Salem heran Church, Port Lavaca, Texas, all but one active pastor present. was detained because of a funeral.

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Illness prevented two of the retired men from attending.

Dr. John Bennetch, professor in the Dallas Seminary, was speaker at the high point of the conference, the installation of PASTOR ROYAL E. LESHER as the first full-time president of synod.

OFFICERS re-elected by acclamation, were: president, Carl J. Deithloff; vice president, Edward L. Wagner; secretary, R. J. Oehlke.

PASTOR WALTER L. LENTZ and members of Salem congregation entertained royally. This was part of the congregation's 50th anniversary celebration.

GRACE CHURCH, Houston, received a deaconess and a pastor into membership recently. Sister Bernice Pantel is the parish deaconess. The pastor is not to attend very regularly. The Rev. W. Kern lives in Caracas, Venezuela. serving the NLC there among the new izens from Europe now living in country.

SISTER MARTHA HANSEN, directing of the deaconess school at Ruxton, was to come to Grace Church after ULCA convention, to install Sister B as the parish deaconess of Grace C Houston. Sister Bernice is the first coness of the ULCA to serve in Texa

MRS. N. H. KERN recently returned Philadelphia where she attended the vention of the Women's Missionary ciety. She has served a term as a me of the Executive Board of that organiz Mrs. C. H. Warner, president of the Women of the Church, was recently e to this board at the convention.

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ON SEPT 28, Pastor William A. closed a two-year-and-four-month mi at St. John's, Davis, in order to acc call to St. Johannes' congregation Clara. Two weeks previously the resh church at Davis had been rededicate service at which synodical mission man W. P. Cline preached.

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been speaking throughout the synod. L. S. G. MILLER from the mission in . will be speaking at thank-offering se on this territory.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, New Haven, h finished its basement with tile floor, k pine walls, celotex ceiling, installing a oil furnace and kitchen equipment Mark's in the same parish is installing oil furnace. IN ST. JOHN'S, Red House a $2,600 electric organ has been add the church equipment, and at C CHURCH, Fairmont, a $2,600 kitche been completed. HAROLD L. H

GROUNDBREAKING. When Pastor Cornish broke ground recently for S Christ Church, Great Kills, Staten Island, he was assisted by pastors from Aug ELC and ULCA congregations near by. bers of congregation have been worshi converted fire house for 25 years

(Photo: Staten Island "Adv

ECEASED

rs. David S. Hafer

Mrs. Annie M. Hafer, widow of the late v. David S. Hafer, died in Phillipsburg, J., Oct. 3. She was 75.

She was born Sept. 5, 1877, at Arendtsle, Pa., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McCarney.

Following her marriage to Pastor Hafer February 1905, she served with him in storates in Scalp Level, Gallitzin, and for years in St. James' (Straw) Church, illipsburg, N. J.

Services were conducted at Phillipsburg the Rev. Philip H. Pearson.

Surviving are one son, Luther Hafer, rket and development engineer for the w Jersey Bell Telephone Company; a er, Mrs. Harry J. Eyster of Harrisburg; l a brother, Dr. G. E. McCarney of nshohocken, Pa.

s. Charles P. MacLaughlin

Mrs. Anne Phillips MacLaughlin, widow Dr. Charles P. MacLaughlin, died in nsgrove, Pa., on Aug. 4. She was 77.

Mrs. MacLaughlin served with her husd in parishes in Illinois, North Carolina Virginia. After a period as chaplain ng the first World War, Dr. MacLaughwas pastor of First Church, Pittsburgh, and at the time of his death in 1928 was serving Redeemer Church, Atlanta, Georgia. This May Redeemer Church chose Mrs. MacLaughlin as its "Mother of the Year."

Four children preceded Mrs. MacLaughlin in death. Surviving are three sisters, two brothers and four grandchildren.

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In conclusion . . . . . .

THE SUREST WAY I know to load my desk with a lot of incoming letters is to write something about politics on this page. Because I recently expressed doubt about the merits of Senator Joseph McCarthy, one woman wrote to ask whether I am a Communist or an atheist or both. We Americans seem to get more stirred up about elections than anything else.

It's certainly right to take politics seriously. But it's wrong to think our voting has nothing to do with our Christian faith. To put Christianity in a corner, where it has no influence on everyday life, is what the Communists are trying to do in European countries they control.

EVERY U.S. ADULT CHRISTIAN should spend some time between now and Nov. 4 in trying to measure his political attitude according to what he knows about the will of God. That may help us decide how to vote. At least it should help us to be temperate and fair in thinking about the candidates. It's the fanatical party spirit that gets aroused in us every four years that is the real disgrace.

There is no easy "yes" or "no" to the questions which stare at us these days. I'm sure that neither major party in the U.S. has all the answers. If Eisenhower and Stevenson could afford to be as humble as I know they really are, both would acknowledge that. As a united American people we'll have to grope our way along an unbroken path into the unknown tomorrow. Whichever man is elected, pray for him in the difficult years ahead.

MAYBE THAT'S ENOUGH this week about the president of the United States. There's space left on this page for something about the president of the United Lutheran Church in America. Every delegate who goes to a ULC conventi amazed at Dr. Fry's skill in condu such a meeting. Maybe he gets tient at the way some debate drags but he does not show it. "Is ther further discussion of this subject' asks, unwilling to shut off anyone has anything to say. Yet he is decis keeping the convention on the trac

I am not the sort of person who s in awe of any official, and especiall of one whom I have known for so years as I have known Dr. Fry. sometimes at a convention I fairly with admiration of his strength ar sourcefulness.

How he stands the strain of co travel, incessant public speaking, e committee meetings, careful attenti every detail of his administrative I have no idea. One thing I know United Lutheran Church in Americ been blessed with a great leader.

Let's have two prayers in our chu on the U.S. Thanksgiving Day month. (Canadians had their da month, so I'll have to leave them Thank God for the president o United States, whoever he may be. thank God for the president o church, and pray that he may b tained in his limitless expenditu strength, his fidelity to duty, his foresight and world-wide vision.

A prayer is more than an invitat God to take over responsibility for we think ought to be done. In pray commit ourselves to being God's in doing His will. On Thanksgivi ought to ask also that God will g strength to be good citizens and fa and responsible members of His c

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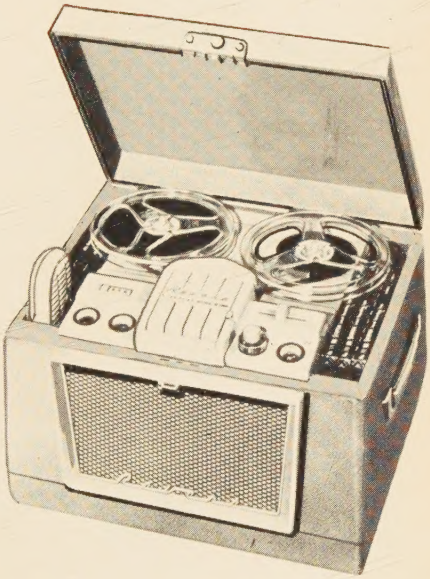

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